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SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

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1. UN SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISOR GORGE RETURNED TO CYPRUS EVENING JAN 3. ON JAN 4, HE HAD APPOINTMENTS WITH FONOFF DIRGEN PELAGHIAS, TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON AND DENKTASH TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR WALDHEIM VISIT JAN 14-16. BEFORE HIS TWO CALLS ON THE TURKISH SIDE I BRIEFED HIM ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF MISSING PERSONS NEGOTIATION, WITH WHICH HE HAD BEEN OUT OF TOUCH SINCE LEAVING NEW YORK IN THE THIRD WEEK OF DEC. LOOKING TOWARD POSSIBLE ENDORSEMENT BY WALDHEIM DURING HIS VISIT, IN EVENT AGREEMENT WERE REACHED BY THEN, I SUGGESTED GORGE LET ONHON AND DENKTASH KNOW THAT HE HAD BEEN BRIEFED AND WAS PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL IN ANY WAY.

2. AT OPENING OF BUSINESS THIS MORNING (JAN 5), GORGE TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT BOTH ONHON AND DENKTASH HAD
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CONFIRMED TO HIM THAT AGREEMENT WAS WELL ADVANCED BUT SHORT OF FINAL. BOTH HAD SEEMED MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC. HOWEVER, ONHON HAD SAID A FURTHER POSITION WAS NEEDED FROM ANKARA AND THIS COULD NOT BE OBTAINED UNTIL AFTER THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT WAS IN OFFICE. THEREFORE, NEGOTIATION WOULD HAVE TO MARK TIME FOR A WHILE. DENKTASH IMPLIED THE SAME, COMMENTING THAT HE NEEDED

TWO THINGS TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT: (A) MORE EXPLICIT STATEMENT FROM GOT AS TO ICRC POSITION, AND (B) SOME DOCUMENTARY REFLECTION OF ICRC POSITION FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL PACKAGE.

3. GORGE IS NOW LEAVING TO JOIN WALDHEIM IN ISTANBUL AND ANKARA JAN 7-8. THEREAFTER HE WILL RETURN TO NICOSIA TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WALDHEIM VISIT WHICH UN HOPES CAN FOLLOW AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE THOSE OF LAST FEB, I.E., LARNACA ARRIVAL, NICOSIA INTER-NATIONAL DEPARTURE. GORGE SAYS THERE IS NO CURRENT PLAN FOR WALDHEIM TO TRY TO BRING KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH TOGETHER.

4. I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH ONHON FOR LATE AFTERNOON JAN 5, PURPOSE OF WHICH, PARALLELING COUNSELOR NIMETZ'S HELPFUL CONVERSATION WITH AMB ESENBEL JAN 4 (REF B), WILL BE TO SEE IF THE REMAINING OBSTACLE TO AGREEMENT CANNOT BE TREATED BY GOT FONOFF AS A MATTER OF PROFESSIONAL ROUTINE NOT REQUIRING HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL CLEARANCE OF THE NEW TEAM IN ANKARA. IF ONHON CONFIRMS THAT THIS CANNOT BE, WE MAY BE AT AN IMPASSE UNTIL WEEK BEGINNING JAN 9. FRIDAY, JAN 6, IS LOCAL HOLIDAY. THIS GIVES VERY LITTLE TIME TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT BEFORE WALDHEIM ARRIVAL, BUT EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE POINTED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE RIGHT DIRECTION. ONHON HAS TOLD ME THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ANKARA IS AS ANXIOUS AS WE TO HAVE MISSING PERSONS AGREEMENT BE ANNOUNCED IN CONJUNCTION WITH WALDHEIM VISIT (WITH PARTIES' AGREEMENT TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS AT AN EARLY DATE AS THE OTHER TARGET FOR SYG'S VISIT). GORGE VERY MUCH SHARES THIS OBJECTIVE. CRAWFORD

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